

REMARKS

Applicants have filed a terminal disclaimer and amended the claims. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the terminal disclaimer, amendment and following remarks.

In particular, Applicants amended claim 18 for consistency with the most preferred range of the Table provided on page 9. In addition, in order to differentiate claim scope, claim 27 now depends from claim 23. Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments enter no new matter.

The action rejects claims 1 to 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as claims 1 and 4 to 29 of US Pat. No. 6,454,634. Applicants have filed a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claims are in proper form for allowance. If a telephone call would expedite matters, kindly call Applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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